

## 9/10/2018 Karo Echo General Meeting

### Members Present

Glen Epperson K6GSE (guest)

Rob K6RJM

Don NI6A

Jay KJ6WSS

Karen KK6ZPM

Marian KC6OBK

Jerry K6KOP

Larry KK6GIO

Jamuel KM6HBO

Howdy KE6BEE

Natalie KM6UCF

Hal KK6NDF

### Constitutional Revision Committee

Constitutional Revision Committee met to discuss proposed changes to constitution. The proposed changes were published on the KE website and members were notified by email. Please take a look and provide comments. At the next meeting on 10/8 the changes will be put forward for voting by the general membership. 2/3 required to pass.

Don NI6A noted that a dues requirement was added to the voting privileges component of the constitution. Don suggest folks collaborate to come up with fund raising activities.

### 4C's Repeater Update

Jay KJ6WSS provided a short brief on the 4C's repeater project. 2M is up and working. 440 is fuzzy as it has a high SWR 3+ for no known reason. 220 is completely shot but a 4C's member has loaned the group a 220 antennae due to the high cost of a replacement.

### CERT Access Cards

A date/time for a group of 5 is in the works—TBD. Send an email to Rob K6RJM [HYPERLINK](mailto:info@karoecho.net) "<mailto:info@karoecho.net>" [info@karoecho.net](mailto:info@karoecho.net) to add your name to the list to get a CERT Access Card so that you will have access to operate a KE Fire Station or EOC.

### Station Installation

A new Diamond X-300A antenna with feedline at KE 6 Staging Area Colusa Circle was installed in September. A Diamond X-500HNA and feedline to be installed on 09/11/2018 at Tassajara Park.

## KE SET

Scheduled for 09/30/2018 for 2 hrs.

## Great Shake Out 2018

Kensington HT School is looking for support from KE for the Great Shakeout on Thursday 10/18/2018. Seeking volunteers to help participate. Usually happens at 10:18A but the time is still TBD. Contact Rob info@karoecho.net if you are interested in helping out. Glen K6GEE offered to send over the details from the Berkeley-wide shakeout currently scheduled on 10/17/2018.

Jerry K6KOP and Marian KC6OBK suggested adding other KE fixed stations to participate in the demonstration. They've apparently done this regularly for past shake outs.

## Announcements

Don N16A reported that the License Prep and Exam sponsored by KE is being pushed back to 2019. BARC is offering a ham cram and test on 10/6. MDARC is offering tests monthly before their meetings (check their website).

Elmering class being offered by KE on 9/16 at 2:30p at Don's house. Focused on new operators but will cover a wide variety of topics. Currently 3 folks signed up. If you want to attend contact Don [HYPERLINK "mailto:N16A@arrl.NET" N16A@arrl.NET](mailto:N16A@arrl.NET).

## Training Exercise

Led by K6GSE. Table top simulated emergency – large wildfire in Tilden Park

What's the first thing to do?

- Turn on radio to primary resource net frequency (e.g. 146.415 MHz simplex)

- Don't self-deploy; only deploy within KE's deployment rules

- Monitor resource net

- Check-in on resource net

General membership should check-in regardless of availability. If not immediately available you may become available later and you can provide those details to the NCS

Best practice – write everything you hear down! You never know when what has already been transmitted will become relevant for you.

Every message sent has 5 parts:

Message Header includes unique station and number ID, precedence, location, date and time

To: who the message is intended for (should be sent to a Role and not to a specific person in most cases)

From: who the message is from, not who is necessarily sending/transmitting the message

Message Body: contains the entirety of the message to be sent

A Footer (who and when the message was received from and/or who sent to.

Message should be transmitted in five (5) word groups.

Use “x-ray” to indicate the period at the end of a sentence

Say “decimal” or “dot” for numbers that include a decimal point (e.g. 146.415, say: figures “one four six DOT four one five”)

Meeting ended at 21:30 PDT

Respectfully submitted,

KM6HBO